

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC      Construction Projects Contract Approval**

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Bids were opened April 17, 2008, for the following projects:

**1. Ortmeier Tract, Dickinson County – Wetland Restoration**

This project consists of the restoration of wetlands including constructing dikes, locating and disabling subsurface drainage and other related work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. The purpose of this project is to convert cropland back to its natural wetland state. Wetlands help to reduce storm-water runoff from entering bodies of water, control erosion, recharge aquifers, and create animal and waterfowl habitats. The primary focus of this project is the creation of a water fowl habitat with a secondary focus of creation of habitat for reptiles and amphibians. Project is budgeted 100% in the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program agreement through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Capitol Link #22). DNR estimate is \$24,500. Project was designed by Heath Delzell and will be inspected by Don Labate. 23 sets of Plans were issued. 7 bids were received. 1 bid was returned as incomplete.

Richards Construction Co. Inc.	Sac City, IA	\$21,305.00
Bluewater Contracting	Spirit Lake, IA	
\$23,247.50		
Abel Farm Drainage Inc.	Greenville, IA	\$28,566.00
Beemer Companies	Fairmont, MN	\$29,053.00
Lundell Construction Co. Inc.	Cherokee, IA	\$31,010.00
Cohrs Construction Inc.	Spirit Lake, IA	
\$34,837.50		
Spring Lake Construction	Polk City, IA	\$38,312.50

Staff recommends award of contract to Richards Construction Co. Inc., low bidder.

**2. Winkel/Walters Tract, Woodbury County – Wetland Restoration**

This project consists of the restoration of wetlands including constructing dikes and other related work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. The purpose of this project is to convert cropland back to its natural wetland state. Wetlands help to reduce storm-water runoff from entering bodies of water, control erosion, recharge aquifers, and create animal and waterfowl habitat. Project is budgeted 100% in the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program agreement through Natural Resources Conservation Service (Capitol Link #22). DNR estimate is \$103,000. Project was designed by Heath Delzell and will be inspected by Don Labate. 24 sets of Plans were issued. 7 bids were received. 1 bid was returned as a late submission.

Carnavon Sand & Gravel	Wall Lake, IA	\$109,983.75
Abel Farm Drainage Inc.	Greenville, IA	\$114,995.00
Cleveringa Excavating LLC	Alton, IA	\$121,622.50
Spring Lake Construction	Polk City, IA	\$125,118.50
L.A. Carlson Contracting Inc.	Merrill, IA	\$144,581.25
K & L Landscape & Construction	Sergeant Bluff, IA	\$148,518.75

Staff recommends award of contract to Carnavon Sand & Gravel, low bidder.

Bids will be opened May 1, 2008, for the following project:

### **3. Waubonsie/Washawtee SRA, Fremont County - Roadway Construction**

This project consists of the Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving of a roadway at the old camp Washawtee in Fremont County, Iowa and other related work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. A portion of the entrance road will be a two-way concrete surface. The remainder of the thru road will be one-way with upgraded rock surfacing. Two additional road segments will be constructed in order to connect Washawtee with Waubonsie State Park, as well as several new parking areas. The purpose of this project is to construct approximately 2.6 miles of new PCC paved roadways, accesses and parking areas to allow Iowans easy access to the park's amenities. Since this is a sensitive area of the Loess Hills, all possible measures have been taken to reduce disturbance and erosion of this resource. Project was designed by Brian Higginbotham, P.E. from HGM Associates, Inc., and will be inspected by Mark Johnson.

Linda Hanson, Administrator  
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